

RUMORS OF WAR ARE IN THE AIR

Officers of the Pacific Fleet
Think There Will
Be Trouble.

ADMIRAL EVANS'S WORDS TO VIRGINIA

Tears and Smiles Mark the Last
Day of Shore Leave Before the
Warships Sail—Hotels
Are Crowded, and
Admiral Holds
Reception.

BY H. W. KIMMONS, JR.,
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The admiral says that he is
glad the State of Virginia should
have the honor (if you consider
it as such) to furnish the man who
has been honored by being given
the command of this fleet for this
cruise—Statement of Admiral
Evans to a staff writer of The
Times-Dispatch.

PORT MONROE, VA., December 15.—
Swinging idly at anchor in the
historic waters of Hampton Roads, six-
teen monarchs of the sea pull fret-
fully at the chains to-night and im-
patiently await the signal of to-mor-
row to sail through the treacherous
channel of the old and thence around
the peaceful coast of the other
ocean and the Golden Gate. With
the goospeed of the commander-in-
chief, they will glide out by the
Capes, Indian-file, their giant engines
throbbing majestically and keeping
step to the broncho hoof-beats of
the White House. Whether they
go for tests of strength and speed
or whether this great battle fleet will
lift anchor again in the spring to fol-
low the uncertain path of the sea to
the other hemisphere, naval men say
little and care not for they are loyal
and live blindfold.

To-day and to-morrow the farewells
were said. Like the crush of an after-
noon tea the Chamberlain Hotel was
ablaze and aglow with its merry throng
of men and women—wives, mothers
and sweethearts. The center of the
group sat "Fighting Bob" Evans, the
native Virginian, surrounded by offi-
cers in blue and gold, and rising at
times with the aid of his cane to
shake some timid blushing girl who
wanted to shake hands. The lines
written on the admiral's face are deep, and
his step at times is unsteady, for he is
not as sprightly as when he roamed
these shores.

Under Full Steam.
Almost within a stone's throw of the
hotel stands the fleet, the flagship
Columbia, and the other ships of the
fleet, quite nearby. Throughout the day
a dull rain fell, driving the thousands
of sight-seers to shelter. Out of the
funnels there came a stream of Pitts-
burg smoke, for the ships are under
full steam and ready to depart. Running
in and out cutters and launchers car-
ried orders back and forth, and occa-
sionally an excursion car ran by, trying
like an ugly woman, to look sweet at
a beauty show. The Stars and Stripes
were damp and soaked, but still they
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Smiles and Tears.
Safe from the winter blast the
admiral was killing time, impatient like
his ships. Commanders and captains
and lieutenants, and a small army on
shore leave, were full of laughter, but
at times there was a touch of tragedy.
For on some cases of speaking distance
there came a word of farewell, and
at times there was a word of farewell,
but a cheer went up at 2 o'clock in
the afternoon when the sun suddenly
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15,000 Men.
All told, 15,000 men will go out with
the fleet to-morrow on a cruise
of almost thirty miles. On the eve
of Christmas they will halt at Trin-
idad, at the Port of Spain, and with
good luck they ought to reach San
Francisco by the early days of May.
Led by the Connecticut, the fleet will
be on the coast of the United States
at that time. They will keep within a
radius of six miles, and travel with
that steady gait as if the flagship
were towing all. And as they plunge
through the south seas they will plan
to hunt the Monroe Doctrine in
reaching out.

Great Amount of Tonnage.
Strangers who came here to-day ex-
pecting to see the entire waters
covered with an array of battle craft
were disappointed. No fleet of such size
has ever made such a voyage, but larger
numbers have congregated here before,
and at Oyster Bay. Few, however,
have traveled so far. The departure
of sixteen battleships leaves the At-
lantic coast practically unprotected,
a fact which has terrified the fearful
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Yellow Fever Quarantine
Against Cuba Removed.
HAVANA, December 15.—Governor
Magoon has been informed by the au-
thorities at Washington that the yellow
fever quarantine against Cuba has
been removed. This is pleasing to
the local commercial interests, espe-
cially those which are dependent upon
tourists.

Disbanding the Bible.
BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO, December
15.—As he was reading a favorite
chapter of the Bible to his wife, John
Young, seventy years old, toppled
from his chair and died of heart dis-
ease.

STRANGLED TO DEATH

Young Hebrew Dies Mysteriously—Two
Was Are Held for Examination.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 15.—
Pending an investigation into the
death of Robert Abrams, a young He-
brew, at the home of his sweetheart
in the southern section of the city,
Abraham Brodsky, a cantor in the
Abayth Israel Synagogue, and Levin
Pressman were held by the coroner here
to-day as material witnesses in a homi-
cide case.

Abrams, who was a baker, was pay-
ing court to his sweetheart, the seven-
teen-year-old daughter of Pressman,
in whose house he was found dead on
Thursday.

After the death members of the
family, including Brodsky, moved out
of the house. They reported the case
to a policeman, saying Abrams had
died suddenly. When the coroner's
physician went to examine the body
he found that the young man died of
strangulation.

The members of the family told con-
flicting stories. Pressman said he found
Abrams' body in his room on Thurs-
day morning. When he came downstairs
he found Abrams on Thursday morn-
ing, and later he said he found the
body hanging to a door knob. The
police officials believe that Abrams
was murdered.

GAINED WEIGHT ON CACTUS

Doctor Delighted With His Fourteen
Days' Test.

LOS ANGELES, December 15.—Dr.
Leon Elbert Landone gave a dinner
last night to six physicians of this
city to celebrate the completion of his
fourteenth day's food test. During this
period Dr. Landone ate almost ex-
clusively cactus, and cactus was one
of the chief features at the dinner.
The menu consisted of cactus and
cactus soup, cactus with chopped
cactus and green peppers, fried cactus,
salad made of the cactus fruit, lettuce,
celery, sherbet flavored with the fruit
of the cactus and the juice of the
cactus fruit.

The guests declared themselves de-
lighted.

"Not only did my strength continue
unimpaired by my experimental diet,"
said Landone, "but I gained half a
pound."

PAYS \$12 FOR A HUSBAND

Puts Money on Ice Box and His Love
Cools.

JERSEY CITY, December 15.—Sad
was the experience of Annie Scam-
bler as she related it in the First Criminal
Court yesterday. She bought a hus-
band, Branslaw Zabol, for \$12. "He
wanted to marry me," she said, "and
I left the money on the ice box and
he took it. Now, he won't marry me
or give it back."

Zabol denied the statement. He
said the money had been given him.
"But my love is killed," said he. "I
don't want to have anything to do
with a woman that has me arrested
like this."

The judge, who was smiling at the
story, said the couple are to be married
in June as a compromise.

288 MURDERED

During October Bands of Bandits Made
This Record in Macedonia.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 15.—
The Bulgarian government has sent
a note to Russia in answer to the
recent representations made by the Rus-
sian minister at Sofia with reference to
the activity of Bulgarian bands in
Macedonia. The note denies that the
residents of the principality are partici-
pating in these activities, and states
that Bulgaria repudiates entire trust in
the powers to introduce adequate re-
forms in Macedonia.

Bulgaria launches a counter com-
plaint against the Greek bands, com-
posed of Cretans, which it declares,
is carrying on a propaganda of fire and
sword.

The statistics for the month of Octo-
ber show that 288 persons were mur-
dered.

BANK TO REOPEN

Closed by Failure of Bank of Com-
merce, It Will Reopen To-day.

KANSAS CITY, MO., December 15.—
The Union Avenue Bank of Commerce,
which was obliged to close by the sus-
pension of the National Bank of Com-
merce, will reopen for business to-mor-
row. All the banks carried down by
the National Bank of Commerce's fail-
ure have been rehabilitated.

Four government bank examiners
are working on the books of the National
Bank of Commerce, and upon their re-
port will be made a decision as to
whether the bank should be reopened or
liquidated. Checks on the suspended bank are accepted at
par by many business houses.

WHEN PARSONS ARE JURORS

Then Judge Feels Sure Pulpit Shifts
at Courts Will Cause.

ASHLAND, PA., December 15.—Judge
William A. Mart, of the Schuylkill
County Court, has devised a new plan
to convince the jury of the veracity of
the courts are administering the law
in as equitable a manner as possible.
He has ordered that the names of all
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FUNSTON WILL NOT LEAVE GOLDFIELD

Says the Non-Union Men
Claim to be in Fear
of Their Lives.

ARMED ALWAYS FOR PROTECTION

Delegation Calls Upon Com-
manding Officer and State
That They Were Terro-
rized Until the Arrival
of the United States
Troops.

GOLDFIELD, NEV., December 15.—A
delegation of non-union labor men to-
day called on General Funston, who is
continuing his investigation with a
view of determining the necessity for
the presence of Federal troops in Gold-
field.

"These gentlemen made the most re-
markable statement I have yet heard,"
said General Funston to the Associated
Press tonight. Their statement is
that for months they have lived in con-
stant fear. They have felt it necessary
for their protection to be armed at all
times, and have been compelled to avoid
personal contact with members of the
Western Federation of Miners in order
to prevent serious trouble.

"This condition of affairs," they told
me, "continued until the arrival of the
United States troops, since which event
the conditions have been greatly
changed."

General Funston felt that this state-
ment of conditions came from men who
have been in a better position to know
the real situation than any others who
have talked to him since his arrival.
In view of the facts gleaned to-day
General Funston said there is little
possibility of the troops leaving within
ten days, and on his recommendation
half of the number here now will be
retained by the Washington authorities.
General Funston will not leave Gold-
field before Tuesday.

MURDERED IN DARK

Man Dead and Attempt Made on Life
of His Wife.

HARRISBURG, PA., December 15.—
When Mrs. Minnie Neidhauser, who lives
across the river from this city, started
to light a fire in an out-kitchen early
to-day, she was startled to find a
man in the room. He was armed with
a revolver and he threatened to kill
her. She fled to her room, and immedi-
ately afterwards two more shots were
heard, and when daylight came the body
of John A. Neidhauser, her husband, from
whom she had been separated, was
found in the yard.

A bullet hole in his head, and a
bullet hole in his chest, were the only
marks, and because there were foot-
prints in the snow that did not cor-
respond with the shoes he wore, the
coroner's jury returned a verdict of
death at the hands of persons unknown.

LIFE SAVED BY COMB

Bullet Fired at Woman by Real Estate
Company President is Deflected.

CLEVELAND, O., December 15.—
George H. Harpist, president of a real
estate concern, shot Mrs. Mary Volek,
a young widow, and then turned a
revolver to his own head and fired.
Harpist may die.

The woman was but slightly injured.
A bullet aimed at her head was de-
flected by her hair comb. The next
bullet pierced her arm.

Harpist tried to have a wife
and two children in Pittsburgh, had
business dealings with Mrs. Volek for
a long time and had obtained money
from her.

SHOOTING AFFRAY

Several Injured in Fight in Kentucky
Yesterday.

LOUISVILLE, KY., December 15.—
Arthur Kelling, a shanty-boatsman,
Clarence Scott and his brother, were
severely hurt and Mrs. Kelling and
daughter suffered slight gunshot
wounds in a fight at Bethlehem to-day
between Kelling and Edward Burdett
and several others. The fight broke
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NORDICA QUILTS IN HUFF

Released on Result of Letter to Her
From Mr. Hammerstein.

NEW YORK, December 15.—Oscar
Hammerstein announced last night
that, at the request of Mrs. Nordica,
he had canceled her contract with
him, and that in the future she would
not be connected with the Manhattan
Opera House. The announcement while
it did not come as a complete sur-
prise, caused much comment in the
musical world. It had been rumored for
some time that there were differences
between Mr. Hammerstein and Mrs.
Nordica, and that there would prob-
ably be a break between them. On
November 24th Mr. Hammerstein sent
the following letter to Mrs. Nordica:
"I want to inform you that I am
preparing a series of operas containing
your repertoire for every Tuesday and
Thursday at popular prices, in which I
will send to sing. The receipts de-
rived from your appearances in the
higher priced performances are so
small that I am compelled to take this
action."

LEAP FOR LIFE

Woman Jumps on Horse's Back, Saving
Her Own Life and That of Baby.

NORRISTOWN, PA., December 15.—
After her husband and ten-year-old
daughter had been thrown out of the
house and injured by runaway
horses, Mrs. Warren Brook, of Cold
Point, saved her own life and that of
an infant child by climbing over the
dashboard and getting on the horse's
back and stopping him.

The horse became frightened, and
turned suddenly that Brook and her
daughter, who were on the front
seat, were thrown into the road.

The horse was going at top speed,
and the wagon was swerving from side
to side, when the plucky woman got
on the animal's back and pulled on
the reins, and the check rein that the horse
was got under control.

MRS. STEIN MISSING

Wife of Norfolk Man Disappears in
Van—Body Not Located.

NEW YORK, December 15.—Mrs.
Carrie Stein, whose husband is in New
York, Va., is missing from her home,
No. 128 Second Avenue, and it is be-
lieved she has met with foul play.

Mrs. Stein is described as being five
feet four inches tall and weighing
about 140 pounds, with dark hair, and
eyes that are between a steel gray
and a light blue. When she was last
seen she wore only a little white shawl
over her head, a long kimono, a red
checked skirt, and over all a long
black coat. She had on her fingers three
diamond rings, valued at several hun-
dred dollars.

On Tuesday evening, after having
gone to a neighboring cafe, she was
planned to Mr. and Mrs. Schoenhaus-
er, who lived in the same building. She
had a drink, and believed some one
had poisoned her drink. Then she went
to her room. It was found that she
had gone to bed, but the next morning she
was missing.

NEGRO IN WOODPILE

Sunday Liquor Law Is Aimed at Inter-
ference of Colored People With Sale of
Alcohol.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., December 15.—
To secure an alcoholic drink in New
Orleans to-day identification of some
sort was very generally necessary.
Those who could produce satisfac-
tory proof as to intentions were ad-
mitted to purchase. The law, which
was otherwise securely locked,
Some saloons closed entirely, and for
the first time in several years the
city saloons lost completely the wide
open look which has come to be
thought of as a sequence of the semi-
tropical climate.

To-day's strict observance was
caused by an order of Police Inspector
Whitaker to his men to make arrests
whenever they saw violations. The ef-
fect of the order has been very gen-
eral to prevent carousing of any sort
and especially to induce sobriety
among the large negro population.

AMUSEMENTS CLOSED

New Yorkers Are Forced to Seek Other
Places for Sunday Recreation.

NEW YORK, December 15.—Anoth-
er enforcement of the Sunday amuse-
ment law and the elements combined
to-day to provide a Sunday as "blue"
as the strictest sabbatarian might
wish.

The amusement promoters generally
kept their places closed, while an over-
cast sky and damp cold weather, and
the fact that thousands of people in
the city of entertainment gladly
would have found recreation in the
park.

The restaurants were, as before, ben-
efited by the changed conditions. The
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PROMINENT MEN KILLED HUNTING

One Has His Head Blown
Off and the Other
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GUN DISCHARGES; SKIFF OVERTURNS

Norton Was in "Blind" Shooting
Ducks and Grima Was Cross-
ing Water—Both Are Well
Known Members of
New Orleans
Society.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., December 15.—
G. Hawkins Norton, customs agent for
the Illinois Central Railroad, and Wal-
ter Grima, a prominent young cotton
broker, both lost their lives in a tragic
manner to-day while members of a
hunting party in the Rigolets, twenty-
two miles from New Orleans, on the
Louisville and Nashville Railroad. Norton
lost his life as a result of a gun-
shot wound in the head, and Grima was
drowned by the overturning of a boat.

Both will be brought here Monday.
They were practicing the Chinese
and social life of New Orleans.
Norton was in a blind with Harri-
son Buckner waiting for a shot at some
wild ducks. Buckner says that in
some unaccountable manner his gun
was discharged, blowing off the top of
Norton's head.

Grima, in company with Audley M.
Post, commercial agent of the Southern
Pacific Railroad, attempted to cross the
Rigolets, when their skiff capsized.
They battled for almost an hour in an
effort to reach land, and were finally
washed exhausted into a marsh where
both lay unconscious. Grima was
washed back into the deep water,
where his body sank.

Russia Warns China
Celestials and Japanese Must Come to
Agreement Similar to Russo-Chinese.

PEKING, December 15.—The Russian
government has warned the Chinese
government that unless Japan and
China within a reasonable time come
to an agreement similar to that im-
posed by the Russo-Chinese Treaty of
Convention, signed last October, Russia
will present its notification that this
country terminates with the year.

The studied indifference of the repre-
sentatives of the powers to Manchuria
shows the operation of the inter-al-
liance between Great Britain, Russia,
France and Japan. The refusal of
Great Britain, Germany and France to
interfere with the Russian policy in
Manchuria has turned the attention
of America in that direction, as
indicated by the speech of Secretary
Taft at Shanghai recently, when he
strongly reprobated the adherence
of America to the "open door" policy,
and asserted that China would have
the sympathy and support of America
in every movement for her reform and
uplifting.

STEAMER IS LOST

Little Hope of Getting Klondike Off
Hull.

BARRINGTON, N. H., December 15.—
On account of thick weather the pos-
sibility of the Thompson Line steamer
Klondike, Shields, England, for Portland,
Me., in ballast, which went ashore on
Brazil Rocks, Cape Sable Island, Sat-
urday, could not be made out from
the coast guard cutter. The steamer
prevailed all day, making any attempt
at wrecking operations impracticable.
The chance of saving the steamer is
believed to be small.

Nothing has been heard here to-night
from the steamer Klondike, which is
supposed to have taken off the Klondike
cutter's crew and proceeded to St. John,
N. B.

SOUGHT SOUL MARRIAGE

But Man's Spirit Departed Alone and
Girl Still Lives.

CLEVELAND, O., December 15.—To
practice a kind of theosophy on the
union of souls, Boris Minoff, a
Bulgarian designer, attempted to
kill Jesse Schreiner, a married man
of age, and then committed suicide.
Minoff's body was found shortly after
midnight. The girls' parents objected
to the marriage. The law gave him
a barrier. Denied a legal mar-
riage, the young man thought of soul
marriage. Minoff boarded with the
Schreiners. Last night he sent all the
members of the family except Jesse
to the theatre. He studied his theo-
sophical books until a late hour, and
then, with a handkerchief, chloroform-
ed the girl and himself. The girl will
recover. Minoff's spirit departed alone.

IGNORED SUNDAY LAW

Omaha Merchants Kept Open, Notwith-
standing.

OMAHA, NEB., December 15.—Mer-
chants to-day generally refused to obey
the Sunday closing order. Perhaps a
thousand persons had their places
open on Sunday. The usual crowd
of business men, newspaper editors,
billiard halls, bowling alleys and
other places that usually remain
open on Sunday. The names of man-
agers, ticket sellers, doorknockers and
stage foremen of all theatres were
taken down, and the theatres were
open to-day. It is said.

KILLED BY TRAIN